# Regional Broadband Planning Team Region 1 – October 19, 2011 – 10:00 AM Conference Call

#### A. Welcome and Roll Call

#### RPT Region 1 Members - attendees are indicated in **bold** below

Jason Akl, the Lakes Community Health Center

Dan Anderson, Norvado

Dave Carter, Chequamegon Communications Cooperative

**Cliff Grand, Ashland Area Development Corporation** 

Ann Harris, Frances L. Simek Memorial Library

Sheldon Johnson, Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Mike Kornmann, UW Extension-Burnett County

## William Kuykendall, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Eric Maki, Midwest Forest Products Company

Richard Menzel, EdD, Retiree

Ed Monroe, City of Ashland

## Mary Motiff, Bayfield County Tourism and Recreation

Bobbi Rongstad, Focus on Energy

Sid Sherstad, Siren Telephone Company

Glenn Taylor, Health Industry Consultant

## **Guests / Members of the Public**

Scottie Sandstrom, Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation

#### **PSC and LinkWISCONSIN Team**

Pete Jahn, PSC Chris Larson, PSC Bill Gillis, LinkWISCONSIN Lisa LaBorde, LinkWISCONSIN

## B. Debrief on Fall Meeting and Process

## **Fall Meeting**

Sheldon put together a database of who attended and signed in. There were 3 subgroup tables. Sheldon also got calls from some who could not attend the meeting and wish to be on the subgroups.

## Regional Planning Team and LinkWISCONSIN / PSC roles:

- The process for the plan is wrapping up. It will take initiative from us – committee members – to implement the objectives. The team now is to drive the plan.

- There needs to be leadership for the workgroups.
- There is a second half of the grant, which includes limited support from LinkWISCONSIN/PSC for the team.
  - There will be a statewide coordinator that will be responsible for bringing together players in the state to support the needs of broadband in the state.
     He/she will help identify funding et al.
  - The PSC / LW can continue to help with setting up calls and providing meeting notes.

#### C. Actions

## **Subgroups:**

- 1. Sheldon will forward contacts for those who signed up for subgroups to Pete who will forward to the Region 1 Planning Team.
- 2. Leaders et al are summarized by work group below.
  - Getting started & Broadband access (combined groups)
    - Sheldon Johnson will lead this to pull in members and others including EDC et al
    - William Kuykendall
      - The group needs to move forward with a broadband access demonstration project.
    - Glenn Taylor
  - Healthcare demonstration / pilot
    - o Glenn Taylor will take the lead on putting together a funding proposal for a US Department of Agriculture funding for telemedicine.

### Follow up PR

- Sheldon will draft a follow up PR with a target release data of early November.
- This could include details of a call to action for follow up subgroup meetings.

### Funding / General

- Finding potential funding sources is a role that the PSC will play.
- The following link includes some information on funding opportunities: http://www.link.wisconsin.gov/lwi/default.aspx?page=20&bhcp=1.

#### **Communications going forward**

- Updates will be provided to the team from the workgroups via the PSC.
- Chris Larson will resend the Region 1 contact list (originally sent on 9/28) to the team.